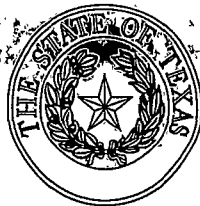


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December 7, 2007

**RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45**

**PUCT Docket No. 24481 - Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to receive Federal Universal Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting A State Certification Process**

**PUCT Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e)(2)**

**PUCT Docket No. 34881 - Application of Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and Eligible Telecommunications Provider**

**Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco - Annual Affidavit**

On December 4, 2007 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued a letter regarding designation of Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). The PUCT's Order No. 3, Docket No. 34881, issued on November 26, 2007, granted this designation.

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On December 6, 2007, Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco filed the attached affidavit of Brandon Young, President/Chief Executive Officer, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco.

If you require any additional information please call Meena Thomas at (512)-936-7344.

Sincerely,

*Meena Thomas*

Meena Thomas  
Senior Market Economist  
Competitive Markets Division  
Public Utility Commission of Texas

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Brandon Young of Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco (the Company or the Cooperative "the Company/Cooperative"), who on his oath deposed and said:


1. My name is Brandon Young. I am employed by Talk Now Telco in the position of President/Chief Executive Officer. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company/Cooperative and how the Company/Cooperative uses these funds.

2. Talk Now Telco (Name of Company/Cooperative) was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 34881 by order dated November 26, 2007.



3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by Talk Now Telco (the Company/Cooperative) are used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with §254(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. §54.101 which are available throughout the Company's/Cooperative's study area.

4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

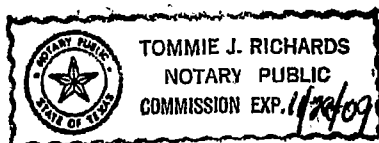
  
Brandon Young, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

  
Notary Public

State of Texas

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